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**REPORT OF LIAISON PARTY**

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TO

SUPREME COMMANDER, ALLIED POWERS

TOKYO

---"when thou receivest this letter,  
take with thee--the three learned men  
of Borsippa and seek out all the  
tablets, all those that are deposited  
in the temple of Ezida. Hunt for the  
valuable tablets which are in the  
archives and which do not exist in  
Assyria and send them to me. I have  
written to the officials and the over-  
seers and no one shall withhold a tab-  
let from thee, and when thou perceivest  
a tablet which thou perceivest may be  
profitable for my palace, seek it out,  
pick it up, and send it to me".

Ashurbanipal (669-626 B.C.)  
Assyria's greatest ruler  
and general.

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INTRODUCTION

As directed by AC of S G-2, War Department, and pursuant to the recommendations of Conference on Handling and Exploitation of Documents in Japan, the undersigned, in company with two other Army officers and one Navy officer, proceeded from Washington to Tokyo, Japan, in behalf of Military Intelligence Service, and Office of Naval Intelligence, departing Washington 4 October 1945. It was the mission of the liaison party to evaluate the theater program of document exploitation and evacuation of documents; and to prepare, in conjunction with theater agencies an effective plan for the integration of IDC (Adv) into the existing theater organization.

Section I

Brief Survey of Intelligence Situation in Japan

1. Staff Responsibilities

The Supreme Commander, Allied Powers, has in effect divided the intelligence responsibilities of the theater between AC of S G-2, and Chief, CIC. Included among the responsibilities of AC of S G-2 are all matters pertaining to exploitation of Japanese intelligence targets, liaison with the Japanese government and, where appropriate, establishment of policies relating to governmental control. Included among the responsibilities of Chief, CIC, are all matters pertaining to intelligence for local security and law enforcement.

2. General Direction of Theater Intelligence Effort

There are two general motivating influences giving direction to theater intelligence activity at this time. They are (1) War Department Intelligence Target Holders, and (2) the several technical intelligence agencies, or Technical Teams as they are called in the theater, engaged in accumulating data and material appropriate to their special interests. (Example: US Strategic Bombing Survey).

There has been no need for intelligence research toward security and control. The Japanese government, with few exceptions, has produced without hesitation all information or specific documentary material requested. A voluminous flow of mail from citizens anxious to establish their innocence has provided adequate foundation for such control and security measures as have been instituted. It is noteworthy that the people through all walks of life give no outward indication of malice or prejudice. It is significant that there has been no incident of violence or force since the commencement of occupation.

4. Document Conference, SCAP

A conference was held on 23 October with the following representatives:

AG of S G-2	SCAP
" G-2	8th Army
" G-2	6th Army
" G-2	FEAF
" G-2	XXIV Corps (Korea)
United States Strategic Bombing Survey	
Env Tech Jap	U.S. Navy
CIO	SCAP
C.W. Officer	SCAP
Engineer Officer	SCAP
Ordnance Officer	SCAP
Surgeon	SCAP
Signal Officer	SCAP
Quartermaster	SCAP

The provisions of TAB A were presented in detail at the conference and met with general approval. The conference proposed additional measures for insuring orderly exploitation and evacuation of documents which were incorporated in final agreements. Certain questions pertaining to theater policy were raised at the conference. No ready answers could be provided in some cases and a memorandum was subsequently published by AG of S G-2 furnishing the desired information to conference members. The memorandum is attached as TAB B.

5. Initial Results, Document Conference, SCAP

A gradual unification is now emerging among the numerous intelligence agencies. Tactical commanders, to include divisions, are taking positive measures to secure War Department targets in their occupation zones. Language detachments (Division or Corps) are preparing accession lists on the material secured. Accession lists are sent to CHQ where WDC, in conjunction with ATIS, examines them for desirable material. When material of intelligence value is discovered by tactical commanders, independently of War Department Target Folder requirements, accession lists are prepared in the same manner and acted upon as though they were War Department intelligence requirements.

Technical intelligence teams, upon being directed to a target, report to the local tactical commander before proceeding on their mission. They are furnished an ATIS representative who accompanies them wherever they go in the sector of the local tactical unit. When documents are selected for evacuation they are registered by the ATIS representative and evacuated through channels to WDC (Adv). In cases where the document is required for local exploitation, the team retains the document; and the registration form, including a description of the document, is evacuated through channels to WDC (Adv). Thus, other agencies can be advised of the availability and location of

desired material. By 4 November, technical intelligence teams and occupation force commanders had initiated an orderly flow of document registrations and accession lists to WDC (Adv).

#### 6. Analysis of Quality and Volume of Documents Available

The quality of the potential intelligence material in Japan cannot be readily evaluated. Extremely large quantities of Army and Navy documents are being discovered, and unquestionably are of some intelligence value. However, individuals comprising technical & intelligence teams vary in their opinions of the true worth of the material.

On 15 August 1945, immediately following the surrender announcement, orders emanating from Imperial Headquarters caused the destruction of tremendous quantities of classified material, as indicated by empty classified filing cabinets in major military establishments. This order was rescinded on 17 August, leaving some classified material intact.

Notwithstanding the alleged complete destruction of certain records, the Japanese are able to produce, upon demand, information obtainable only from such records. It has been the policy of information gathering agencies to depend upon this somewhat unreliable procedure and retain the cooperation of the agent rather than force a release of the source.

Very large quantities of scientific papers, maps, hydrographic charts, manufacturers drawings, development designs, administration records, contracts, etc., are available, and will be evacuated for exploitation. Much materiel, including experimental types of many classes of equipment was seized intact and is being prepared for evacuation in conjunction with pertinent documents.

#### 7. Acquisition of Major Reference Collections

No specific plan has yet been announced for the acquisition of Imperial archives such as the files of the General Staff or the War Office. Likewise, no policy has been announced governing the large-scale evacuation of major library collections. In an effort to bring this matter to the attention of the Supreme Commander, a Check Sheet (I.C.M.) was submitted to AC of S G-2, SCAP, recommending possible solutions to these requirements. Check Sheet is attached hereto under TAB C. These recommendations were prepared after lengthy discussions with chiefs of sections under theater G-2.

#### E. Avisability of Injecting WDC (Adv) into Theater Organization

It is felt that the overall intelligence situation in Japan and Korea will be materially strengthened by WDC (Adv).

The presence of the liaison party in Japan was timely and appropriate. Although viewed with ill-concealed suspicion at the outset, the WDC (Adv) came to enjoy the unqualified approval of all concerned when it was apparent that the Washington agency was prepared to adjust itself to the theater needs and apply itself to theater tasks.

In order to insure energetic and prompt initiation of certain procedures considered essential to the effective collection and evacuation of documents, WDC (Adv) accepted certain responsibilities which would not usually be included in the functions of such an organization. Detailed discussion of WDC (Adv) program will be found in Section III.

## Section II

### Intelligence Agencies in Japan Engaged in Document Activity

#### 1. Allied Translator and Interpreter Section (ATIS)

Prior to the occupation of Japan, ATIS served as the only theater agency charged with the collection, evacuation, translation and exploitation of documents. However, the technical and scientific exploitation of Japan has been undertaken by the several independent technical intelligence agencies whose efforts have been of greater scope and in greater detail than was heretofore possible. This has served to relieve ATIS of the detailed translations and research requirements with which it had heretofore been charged.

While some ATIS personnel have been attached to separate intelligence agencies, the ATIS organization, from GHQ through Armies to Corps and Divisions is intact. This organization will be the framework for document handling, and will constitute the channel for control and evacuation of documents.

The main body of ATIS will be located in the N.Y.K. Building, Tokyo, about three blocks from GHQ. This building will serve as office, billet and mess for officers and men of ATIS and WDC (Adv). ATIS personnel in Tokyo will work in close conjunction with WDC as documents arrive from field agencies. (See Section III for details).

ATIS will retain in reserve skilled scanners to be sent to targets at the request of tactical units or technical teams, when translation requirements become complex or excessive. This reserve will serve to reinforce divisions and corps detachments to expedite receiving and selection.

In order to provide an understanding of ATIS capabilities in the document field an analysis of strength and disposition follows. Of the 1400 total officers and men, some 400 are distributed to tactical units. Theoretically, ATIS is in complete operational and administrative control of these detachments. Actually, local commanders employ their language.

personnel as they see fit, with the result that ATIS is not entirely familiar with language activity at the occupation force level. Approximately 300 ATIS personnel, selected for their language skill, have been attached to technical missions, and are in no way responsible to ATIS. Of the remaining 700 personnel, approximately one-half are non-linguists and the balance are linguists rated "C" or better. Hence, it is doubtful that more than one hundred effective translators remain under ATIS' actual control. These translators will be employed to supervise such translation as is accomplished by Japanese employees and to perform incidental translations for theater requirements as well as to form a pool for reinforcement of field document screening agencies.

## 2. War Department Intelligence Target Section (WDIT)

General Order No. 9, published by SCAP, 2 October 1945, was designed to bring about a closer integration of all intelligence agencies operating in Japan and Korea. The directive was aimed principally at the intelligence activities which had been established in the theater independently of theater organization.

The War Department Intelligence Target Section, under Colonel W.C. Wood, was charged with coordinating the various intelligence activities according to the following pattern:

- a. Register all agencies engaged in technical, scientific, economic or other investigations in Japan and Korea.
- b. Grant written passes to authorized individuals seeking access to appropriate objectives.
- c. Represent AG of S O-2 in coordinating activities between various agencies.
- d. Require submission of reports of all activities to WDIT Section, prior to transmittal to U.S.A.
- e. Distribute to the occupation forces the requirements of War Department Intelligence Target Holders, and coordinate the results.

By mid-October, WDIT Section was operating but the momentum of independent action by intelligence teams had not been overcome. There was evidence of an uncertain and hesitant gesture toward compliance with General Order No 9 from intelligence teams, but no unified and standard program of integration had yet been effected.

In response to the distribution of War Department Intelligence target requirements, tactical force commanders had placed guards on target sites which had been occupied and were awaiting instructions on subsequent procedure.

The program for firm implementation of WDIT Sections' authority was established at the Document Conference, SCAP, 23 October 1945.

Representation at the conference, as listed in Section I, included all agencies whose activities should focus through WDIT Section. All representatives concurred in the conclusions for integrated action. Agreement was reached on procedure for handling and exploitation of documents as described in Section III.

While it was the primary purpose of the conference to draw attention to the provisions of existing directives relating to intelligence activities, an equally effective outcome was the personal exchange of experiences, objectives and conclusions among the various agencies. Certain agencies until this time had been unfamiliar with the existence of other agencies.

As a result of the conference it was agreed that all intelligence agencies would provide a permanent liaison officer of field grade, qualified to represent his agency in all matters, for permanent association with WDIT Section. This representation has already proven to be of exceptional value to WDC (Adv) in securing information and disseminating information promptly and effectively to all activities concerned.

Thus, WDIT Section has become a strong and influential office in the pursuit of intelligence activity in Japan and Korea. WDC (Adv) is closely integrated with this office to the mutual advantage of both organizations.

### 3. Technical Teams

a. Throughout this report the term Technical Team has been employed since the term is in general use in the theater. There are, for the purpose of this summary, two types of ~~567~~ Technical Teams. One is the highly specialized independent team, established in the theater by authority outside of the theater. Technical Teams now operating in the theater which are described in the above classification are as follows:

- (1) Nav Tech Jap
- (2) United States Strategic Bombing Survey
- (3) Cryptographic Survey
- (4) Economic and Scientific Survey
- (5) Atomic Bomb ~~Survey~~ Survey

#### \* Authority and personnel, combined War Department and Theater.

The other type of team is that which is essentially of theater origin, but which may be acting in part upon direction from Army Service Forces, and may include personnel from outside the theater. These teams represent the following services on the Special Staff, SCAP:

- (1) Chemical Warfare Service

- (2) Corps of Engineers
- (3) Ordnance Department
- (4) Medical Corps
- (5) Signal Corps
- (6) Quartermaster Corps
- (7) Counter Intelligence Corps

Both types of teams are engaged primarily in technical and scientific investigation. Their strengths vary from a few individuals to several hundred individuals. They are primarily engaged in completing a comprehensive survey of their special field, and submitting such documents or material in support of their reports as may be appropriate. While the collection of documents is an incidental function of the teams, the selection of material for evacuation will be guided by a highly specialized knowledge of the subject. When specialist teams discover documents which they consider important for ultimate research purposes, although of no immediate value in their current survey, such documents will be evacuated to WDC. Thus, the document-collecting function is reinforced by a large number of highly qualified personnel whose primary mission will take them to obscure and isolated targets that might be overlooked by normal intelligence agencies.

Whenever possible, specialist teams will procure two copies of all documents which they select for their own exploitation. One will be retained for support of survey reports, and the other evacuated to WDC. Where only one copy is obtainable, it will be exploited by the team as necessary, then evacuated to WDC. If the team requires permanent possession of a single document, photostat or microfilm copies will be prepared by WDC (Adv) for evacuation.

#### 4. Occupation Forces

The following major tactical units constitute the occupation forces of Japan and Korea:

Sixth Army - Kyushu and Southern Honshu  
Eighth Army - Northern Honshu and Hokkaido  
XXIV Corps - Southern Korea

Occupation force commanders, acting on War Department Intelligence Target Folders, have directed that all target sites be seized and secured pending examination of material. Documents contained in War Department target sites, and such other establishments as occupation force commanders consider important, will be examined by attached language (ATIS) personnel. Accession lists will be published by divisions and corps as targets are examined. Accession lists are consolidated by Army G-2, and transmitted to GHQ where WDC (Adv), in conjunction with ATIS, examines the contents to determine the value of the documents described therein.

When the material is considered by WDG (Adv) to be useless, the Army (Corps) commander is directed to destroy it. When the material is obviously valuable, the Army (Corps) commander is directed to evacuate it to Tokyo where it is re-examined by WDG (Adv) and shipped to Washington. Where there is uncertainty as to the value of the material, particularly if it is in large volume, WDG (Adv) representatives, reinforced by ATIS linguists where necessary, proceed to the target sites and screen the material for evacuation. Documents so selected are then evacuated by the Army (Corps) commander.

In the case of the Sixth Army, whose headquarters is situated in Kyoto, 350 miles from Tokyo, a WDG (Adv) detachment will be established at Army Headquarters to insure prompt selection and evacuation of desired material. In the case of the Eighth Army, located in Yokohama at the extreme southern edge of its occupation zone, WDG personnel will proceed directly to target sites as appropriate, after informing O-3, Eighth Army, of the contemplated action. In the case of XXIV Corps, a survey is now being conducted to determine the advisability of establishing a WDG (Adv) detachment in Korea. It is not considered likely at this time that the quality or quantity of documents in Korea will warrant continuous WDG (Adv) representation.

The liaison party visited both Sixth and Eighth Army Headquarters and discussed in detail with respective O-2's the program described above. In each case the O-2 designated a member of his staff whose function will be the coordination of document activity between subordinate elements and WDG (Adv). Occupation force commanders are especially anxious to complete the requirements of document handling in order to dis-engage from security tasks the numerous troops now so disposed.

#### 6. Japanese Liaison Section

As a subsection under Theater AO of S O-2, the Japanese Liaison Section is responsible for all direct official intercourse with the Japanese Government. The chief of the section is Col F. E. Munson. All requests made upon the Japanese for information of an intelligence nature, as well as all other requests, are focused through the Japanese Liaison Section. These requests are then directed to a similar office in the Japanese Government from which they are distributed to appropriate Japanese agencies for action.

Until early November this diplomatic means of information gathering was found to be very successful and dependable. However, on 3 November, Colonel Munson observed that a slight indication of reluctance to meet certain requests was developing. This had not been apparent early in the occupation, and it is possible that the technique of requesting information may prove increasingly unreliable.

The Japanese Liaison Section does not establish policies in connection with intelligence matters, nor is it a collecting agency. Its chief value to WDC (Adv) will be its authority to make specific requests for documents or translations which have not been discovered by our collecting agencies.

It is considered very probable that when the procedure for acquisition of libraries and archives is ultimately announced, the requests (or demands) will emanate from the Japanese Liaison Section, and actual selection and delivery will be closely coordinated with this office. WDC (Adv) has established close liaison with the Japanese Liaison Section.

### Section III

#### Plans for Employment of WDC (Advanced)

##### 1. Integration into Theater Organization

Pursuant to the original Washington Document Conference recommendations of 29 August 1945, and in accordance with established military procedure, the Washington Document Center (Advance) will be under the control of the Supreme Commander, Allied Powers, and will be attached for operations and administration to ATIS.

Visualizing a possible source of friction arising from the unusual procedure of injecting an operating element into an existing organization, the liaison party considered it advisable to prepare a written agreement fully establishing the purpose of the WDC (Adv) yet assuring the theater AC of S G-2 that no effort was being made to infringe upon the prerogatives of the Supreme Commander. Toward this end an agreement was prepared for the signatures of AC of S G-2, SCAP, C.O., ATIS, and Chief, WDTP Section. After minor modifications, the agreement was endorsed by all concerned. It is attached hereto as TAB D, "Plan for Integrating WDC (Adv) into Existing Theater Agencies".

On 25 October, following the initiation of request by the liaison party that WDC (ADV) personnel be authorized to proceed to Tokyo, a radiogram to that effect was submitted to AC of S G-2, SCAP, for approval and transmission. Thereupon a request for "background" information on WDC was initiated by theater AC of S G-2. It is felt that a momentary hesitation to bring additional strength to an over-populated command post had been expressed by the Theater Chief of Staff. The "background" information furnished AC of S G-2, is attached hereto as TAB E.

Arrangements have been completed for the billeting, messing, transportation and administration of WDC (Adv) personnel in Japan. All personnel not engaged in the field will be quartered and messed in the N.Y.K. Building, Tokyo. The first two floors of this building will be given over to office space for combined WDC (Adv) and ATIS operations. The building is admirably suited to these purposes.

## 2. Organization and Operation, WDC (Adv)

In the preceding sections, various references have been made to the particular part WDC (Adv) will play with respect to associated agencies. The following paragraphs may be repetitious, but will serve as a summary of the plan of operation now agreed upon for the organization and operation of WDC (Adv).

The Washington Document Center (Advance), consisting of approximately one hundred Army and Navy officers and enlisted men, will be established in Tokyo. The following general functional subdivisions will be made:

Headquarters Section, WDC (Adv)  
Reproduction Section  
Shipping Section  
Document Group:  
Liaison Section  
Acquisition Section  
Scanning Section  
Information Section

Duties of the various sections are as follows:

a. Headquarters Section:

- (1) Supervise operation, administration
- (2) Maintain close liaison with AG of S G-2, ATIS, WDIT Section, Japanese Liaison Section, Occupation Force G-2's.

b. Field Section:

- (1) Establish detachment at Sixth Army
- (2) Send screening teams to target sites as indicated by accession lists.
- (3) Select documents in the field and evacuate through ATIS.

c. Reproduction Section:

- (1) Provide mimeograph service.
- (2) Provide photostat and microfilm service.

d. Shipping Section:

- (1) Record and publish shipping advices of all documents evacuated to WDC, Washington, D.C.
- (2) Pack, transport, evacuate documents.

e. Document Group

- (1) Coordinate and supervise the functions of the following sections:

f. Liaison Section:

- (1) Furnish technical advice in the selection of documents where appropriate.

- (2) Maintain close liaison with appropriate technical intelligence teams in Japan and Korea to insure expeditious handling and exploitation of documents and ultimate evacuation to WDC (Adv).

- (3) Make continuous effort to prevent duplication or needless search by collecting agencies.

g. Acquisition Section:

- (1) Survey existing Imperial Library catalogues to determine desired titles of scientific, technical, economic and cultural works, in the form of books, periodicals and collections.

- (2) Prepare detailed list of publications to be submitted to SCAP when authority for acquisition is granted.

- (3) Be prepared to organize search and selection of Imperial GHQ and War Office archives at such times as Supreme Commander announces procedure.

- (4) Make request for individual specific documents through Japanese Liaison Section.

h. Scanning Section:

- (1) Receive documents from Occupation Forces, Technical Teams, or WDC (ATIS) Field Teams.

- (2) Scan briefly to confirm screening notes by field translators.

- (3) Prepare file card of subject matter for Information Section.

- (4) Designate index number for document.

i. Information Section:

- (1) Maintain subject matter and document

files for information of all collecting agencies.

- (2) Distribute shipping advices to all collecting agencies to prevent duplication of search.
- (3) Maintain close contact with WDC (Rear) to insure continuous dissemination of briefing requirements.
- (4) Submit weekly operational report showing document situation in terms of War Department Target Folder and other documents.

### 3. Flow of Documents

All documents emanating from Japan and Korea will originate from one of the following sources:

- a. Occupation Forces
- b. Technical Teams (Theater and War and Navy Dept)
- c. Japanese Liaison Section
- d. Acquisition Section (WDC Adv)
- e. Field Section (WDC Adv)

Wherever a document is selected, the site is included in the occupation zone of a major tactical force. The selecting agency will have been given clearance by the force commander before searching the site, and the agency will have been furnished an ATIS representative from the local tactical command for liaison and translation purposes. When a document is selected, the agency making the selection fills out WDIT Form # 1, (attached to TAB A) in triplicate. One copy of the form is attached to the document, and the document with form attached is turned over to the ATIS representative for evacuation. The other two copies of the form are sent to ATIS, Tokyo, by message center, one copy being delivered to ATIS, and one to WDC (Adv).

If the selecting agency desires to retain the document for local exploitation, the forms are submitted as above, but the document with attached form is held by the selecting agency until exploitation is completed, whereupon the document is turned over to ATIS, Tokyo, for processing through WDC (Adv). If the document exists only in one copy, and is required for evacuation with materiel, such as laboratory notes accompanying petroleum developments, the original document is submitted through normal channels with report that designated portions be photostated or micro-filmed. After reproduction is completed, the document or copy, depending upon which is most efficient from the reproduction

standpoint, is returned to the selecting agency.

In cases where occupation force commanders, or field teams from WDC (Adv) or ATIS make selection, documents are evacuated to Tokyo in the same manner, forms being prepared by the team making the selection.

When the document arrives at WDC (Adv), either through message center facilities, or by truck direct from the target site, it is delivered to the Scanning Section, WDC (Adv). After being re-examined and briefly indexed, the document is passed on to Information Section where it is catalogued according to Scanning Section notes. Provided the document is still considered desirable in Washington, and does not unnecessarily duplicate previously evacuated material, the document is then turned over to the Shipping Section for evacuation.

Usually, documents will be crated and transported as cargo to Washington Document Center, Washington, D.C. Certain documents of immediate importance in Washington will be transported by air to Washington Document Center, Washington, D.C. Shipping advices will be disseminated to all collecting agencies in the field, and to WDC (Rear).

#### IV Conclusions

There is unquestionably a large volume of material in Japan that will be of research value to the Army and Navy as well as authorized civilian agencies. The volume of valuable, highly classified military information will probably be disappointingly small.

Although numerous collecting agencies, including Technical Teams and Occupation Forces had been active in Japan since the early phases of the occupation, no firm program for integrated control and evacuation of documents had been effected by the theater. It is believed that, anticipating representation from the Washington Document Center, theater intelligence agencies suspended final action on the handling of documents pending the presentation of the War and Navy Department proposals. As a result, the various techniques and directives recommended by the liaison party have been adopted as theater policy.

In order to insure the orderly and profitable selection and evacuation of documents, it is believed that the establishment of WDC (Adv) in Japan, as previously described, is essential. Theoretically, existing theater organizations should be able to accomplish such missions as have been designated for WDC (Adv). However, in practical terms, the linguistic deficiencies of available theater personnel, coupled with lack of Washington orientation and attitude, would give little promise of early and effective completion of Washington requirements.

At the risk of being blatant it is emphasized that the arrival of the liaison party in Japan was very opportune. Correspondingly, the establishment of WDC (Adv) in Japan is essential if the objectives established by AC of S G-2, and Director of Naval Intelligence are to be realized.

Probably the greatest intellectual and linguistic task before the Washington agency is the selection of a comprehensive and worthwhile library. It is felt that this effort alone will more than justify the establishment of the WDC (Adv) in Japan. As of 4 November, the theater had demonstrated no specific interest in this aspect of exploitation, and it is believed that the major impetus and action will be that of WDC (Adv).

During the period 15 October to 4 November, continuous liaison was maintained with the various agencies comprising the theater intelligence organization. As these agencies became familiar with the proposed War and Navy Department program, and as the program was adjusted gradually to the theater situation, enthusiastic concurrence was expressed by the theater personnel. By early November, agreement had been reached on all matters pertaining to establishment of the Washington Document Center in Japan. With the exception of billeting space for officers of the detachment, no obstacle remained to initiating the program. It was estimated that remodeling of existing buildings to provide billets for officers would be completed on 9 November, 1945, at which time authority for the movement of WDC (Adv) to Tokyo would be communicated to AC of S G-2, War Department.

Upon completion of the preliminary mission, the undersigned reported to AC of S G-2, SCAP, that insofar as could be determined, all arrangements were complete for the establishment of WDC (Adv) in Japan. General Willoughby indicated very enthusiastic approval of the entire program. Before departing Tokyo on 4 November, the undersigned transmitted a letter of appreciation and general summary to General Willoughby. The letter is attached hereto as TAB F.

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